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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- Specification, Claims, Abstract and Figures (19 pages).
- Formal drawings (5 sheets, Figures 1-11).
- Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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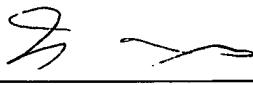
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I hereby certify that these attached documents

- * Continuing Patent Application Transmittal (2 pages)
- * Application Data Sheet (3 pages)
- * Patent Application (19 Total Pages: Spec. - 12 pages; Claims - 1 page; Abstract - 1 page; Figures - 5 pages)
- * Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings
- * Return Postcard

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